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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/713,827	Applicant(s) ASHDOWN ET AL.	
	Examiner Creighton H. Smith	Art Unit 2645	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 DEC '05.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 5, 6, 13-15, 17 and 22-24 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 4, 12, 16, 25 and 26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3, 7-11, 18-21 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Giuhat discloses in col. 5, lines 46-49, that it is the end office that is the terminating node, not the SMS/SMP-68. The SMS/SMP is a non-terminating node in Giuhat's scheme because in col. 5, lines 41-42 Giuhat explains that access to TELCO is mediated by SMS-68.

In col. 3, lines 45-47, Giuhat discloses their method of routing calls from a donor network to a recipient network where the call is intercepted at an intermediate network node through which intermediate network node calls to the donor network node must pass. Then, the number is converted and routed onto the recipient network node where the call is completed. Giuhat further discloses in col. 5, lines 63-65, that TCAP mediation point 70 handles TCAP messages passing between TELCO STP-20 and CLEC STP-54. Therefore, it is clear that Giuhat's ICP platform 68 is also "non-terminating."

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 12, 16, 25, 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Giuhat et al '145.

In figure 1 of Giuhat et al they show a system for redirecting signaling traffic comprising an intelligent platform (68) connected between 2 signaling end points, STPs 20 & 54. The intelligent platform, as constructed, will intercept SS7 messages between the 2 SSPs. A control module, SMS-85, is connected to the ICP (68) and provides and

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communications and management to the ICP. For claim 4, the ICP (68) also will process ISDN user part (ISUP-72) and TCAP messages at element 70.

Claims 3, 7-11, 18-21, objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

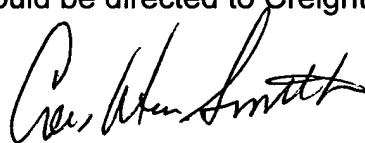
Claims 5, 6, 13-15, 17, 22-24 allowed. The prior art fails to disclose that if the ICP fails that SS7 messages will continue to pass through the ICP.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Creighton H. Smith at telephone number 571/272-7546.

10 MAR '06



Creighton H Smith
Primary Examiner
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